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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 27, line 2 (the abstract) as follows:

Upon self-alignment of a steering wheel ~~of the present invention~~, a steering wheel body has its ring plane displaced toward the vertical plane by means of plastic deformation of the steering wheel core. There is located a switch operation portion in at least one of the two front spokes neighboring a front space inside the ring portion and generally symmetrically arranged relative to the boss portion. The cores of the front spokes are further provided at positions generally symmetric relative to the boss portion and to the boss portion relative to the switch operation portion with deformable portions, respectively, to be twist-deformable upon self-alignment.

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